

Ryan Kuchenig - 1349 Cordillera Ave., Sunnyvale

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From: <
To: <rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 4:39:23 PM
Subject: 1349 Cordilleras Ave., Sunnyvale

Dear Ryan,

I recently received an email from our neighbor, Donna Scott with the information that she has obtained regarding the variance issue of a large existing shed on the property of 1349 Cordilleras Ave., Sunnyvale. I agree with Donna that a shed of this size would negatively impact privacy issues of neighboring houses. I would like to object to the granting of this variance. Thank you.

Lana Burge
1352 Pointe Claire Dr.
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Ryan Kuchenig - Comments on variance request: 1349 Cordilleras Ave. (file no. 2006-0159)

From:**To:** <rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>**Date:** Thursday, April 13, 2006 12:10:10 AM**Subject:** Comments on variance request: 1349 Cordilleras Ave. (file no. 2006-0159)

To: Ryan Kuchenig, Project Planner
City of Sunnyvale, Community Development Dept.

From: Donna Scott and Eugene Levin

Dear Mr. Kuchenig:

Eugene Levin and I are the owners of the single family home at 1346 Pointe Claire Drive. We appreciate the chance to comment on the above project. Unfortunately as we are out of state presently, and will not be back at the time of the Planning Commission hearing on the application for a variance, we will be unable to attend that hearing.

We would appreciate it if you would let the Planning Commission know that we are both opposed to the granting of this variance from the usual setback requirements, and would request that it be denied.

You have informed us that the applicant seeks the variance for an existing "shed" which is 21 feet by 12 feet (252 sf.) and approximately ten feet tall. This sizeable building is only 1.5 feet from the rear and side property lines of a property that is two properties to the north of us.

This very large "shed" I'm sure cannot be seen from our property. However we believe it would be an extremely poor precedent for our neighborhood to grant such an approval. While most homes have some kind of small, usually fairly portable, tool shed, the type of building for which approval of the setback waiver is being sought is MUCH LARGER and appears to be far more permanent. Should such a shed be approved facing our own back yard, we'd be very much concerned about the fact that it would extend far above the usual six foot fence, be an eyesore, infringe on privacy, impede efforts to maintain or rebuild structures such as adjoining fences, and potentially be a source of nuisance from activities that might be conducted in such a large accessory building. We do not mean to imply that the present owner might plan to conduct noisy or nuisance producing activities in the present building. However, with a building of this size, so close to a property line, it would be very hard to enforce against noisy or nuisance-producing activities by other owners, or for similar buildings, should such a waiver of setbacks be allowed. A "shed" of this size so close to the property line and so visible would undoubtedly lower the property value of the neighboring property impacted. There seems to be no good reason to grant such an application.

Thanks again for providing us with the notice of this hearing, and the opportunity to present these comments.

Donna Scott and Eugene Levin

ATTACHMENT BPage 3 of 4Joe Lutzweit

From: "Walter Lutzweit" <
To: "Joe Lutzweit" <
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 8:09 PM
Subject: Fw: 1349 Cordilleras Ave.(APN:323-07-046)

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From: Walter Lutzweit
To: rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 7:52 PM
Subject: 1349 Cordilleras Ave.(APN:323-07-046)

Dear Mr. Kuchenig,

March 15, 2006

In 1963 The subject single story home was in a patch of houses still in Santa Clara Co. My home was on the Sunnyvale City line. Annexation was not successful for several years and only completed when our city exempted the patch house owners from the bonds we paid. The patch was always several notches below Sunnyvale standards. After 40 years of redevelopment in this area, it is still below our standards. The builders spend millions on huge multistory houses & fill up their back yards with odd buildings, but do not spend anything on the City commons. i.e. curbs, sidewalks, St. Light Lamp post and landscape. For me the area has worsened. Today when I look in my backyard I no longer enjoy the greenery and beauty of a big, 25 ft. tall Avocado tree. The Subject developer ripped it out and replaced it with a huge barn like shed. The shed was put up in record time, it is so close to my back yard the work crew had to stand on my 6 ft. fence to build it. The workers stayed well into the evening, one man and a woman worked on the roof by moonlight last month. It was well after 9 PM. All this building needs is an power extension cord from the big house and he has a guest house.

Today if you walk my block on our first class city streets as soon as you get to Cordilleras and the old County line there are no tree lined streets, no curbs, no City St. Light polls, no sidewalks. The residence park their cars on the Street and you are forced to walk out in the traffic lane all the way to Fremont Ave. where the City improvement kick in. Heaven help us if the next 40 years follows the same pattern of ignoring our City codes and structures like the big shed are not caught. Only God will know what this patch of Sunnyvale will look like.

Several weeks ago Mr. Lawon(?) the owner of the Subject new multistory residence called on me for the first time. He said he wanted to be a good neighbor(his actions don't show this). He wanted me to sign a document "Supporting His Shed", He said there are two families in the house and he would pay for any damage his work crew did to my fence. He ask what did I want? I would not sign his letter & said what I would like was the County fence that was in his yard under the original County code.

This would give me a foot more backyard & my fence would not be used as the separation line.

Walter F. Lutzweit

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From: Pam Lund <
To: <rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: Sunday, April 16, 2006 8:45:22 PM
Subject: Objection of Variance to shed in neighbor's yard

Mr. Kuchening,

I live at 1368 Pointe Claire Drive and I see the shed that is requesting a variance for and I am totally against this variance. I did not receive a notice in regards to this variance and was fortunately alerted by a neighbor.

I never noticed the shed before until the neighbor directly behind me removed a plum tree. I have noticed there is are 2 big metal pipes on top of the house that go to to shed and if it is just used for storage why are these necessary? This is an awful sight that I see from standing in my kitchen.

I am also very concerned that if the house is sold the new buyers may have this a possible live in quarters. Or for that matter if someone may be living in this shed now.

I heard the planning meeting is on Thursday night and I cannot attend because I have class on Thursday nights.

If you have more information regarding this shed, could you let me know about it.
I appreciate any information you can provide me.

Thank you,

Pam Lund